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Mr. Andrew Miniuks  
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Re: DRAFT PHASE II RI REPORT FOR SITE 01 AND SITE 09 AT NETC  
NEWPORT; SUBMISSION OF THE ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Dear Mr. Miniuks:

As stated during recent discussions concerning the Ecological Risk Assessments for McAllister Point Landfill (Site 01) and Old Fire Fighting Training Area (Site 09), the Navy is submitting (8) copies of the subject document for your review and comment. This submission satisfies the requirements of the Phase II RI work plan of March 1993.

The Navy understands the importance of the Ecological Risk Assessment for the McAllister Point Landfill especially for determination of risks associated with the near-shore sediments and the associated Management of Migration Record of Decision. Based on this understanding, the Navy is in the process of initiating a more focused ecological risk assessment for these near-shore sediments. The Navy's approach for this next phase of the investigation includes the following:

- Procurement of the University of Rhode Island School of Oceanography through the Navy's CLEAN contractor (Halliburton NUS) for conducting the upcoming investigations.
- Establishment of an Advisory Group which will include members of the federal and state regulatory communities, natural resource trustees, and local community. This advisory group, through a cooperative effort, will provide input in developing a site specific ecological risk assessment work plan. The work plan will incorporate appropriate data collection and analysis activities as determined by the advisory group.
- Development of a focused ecological risk assessment work plan for submission in June 1994 with fieldwork to be conducted in August/September 1994.

- Proposed sampling plan to collect discrete samples to further delineate and characterize sediments at McAllister Point Landfill. Results of this discrete sampling will be utilized in refining the ecological risk assessment work plan. The Navy would like to proceed with the sampling as soon as possible. The proposed sampling plan will be submitted under separate correspondence for USEPA Region I and RIDEM's comments.

The Navy's goal is to move forward in developing and executing a well defined ecological risk assessment. The Navy believes the approach described above will enable the parties to work as a team and make site specific risk management decisions. We feel this effort can be completed within an allowable time frames with proper cooperation and input.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (215) 595-0567 extension 147.

Sincerely,



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